



## Devon Cunningham

August 18, 2009

Devon Leigh Cunningham, 13, Carbondale, passed away Wednesday, August 18, 2009. Devon fought cystic fibrosis for all her 13 years and did a wonderful job! She conquered living daily life with it. Devon was a student at Overbrook Attendance Center. On August 26, 2004 she received a new liver and was an exceptional success story. She recovered with remarkable speed. Devon received her new lungs on May 1, 2009. She was released to the St. Louis area 17 days after her transplant. She had 5 short weeks out of the hospital until an acute rejection finally ended her life on earth. Devon loved family, her friends and her dogs. Survivors include her mother, Chastity Cunningham; her dad, Chad Masters; brothers and sisters, Kurstin, Shaylea, T.J., Kayleigh, Caleb and Hubie Slagle; cousins, Hayden, Chaysen, Jacob, Sierra, Josh and Jada; aunts, Chelsie, Michelle, Driesst, Wendy, Jody, Glenda and Bobbi Jo Harriss; uncles, Shane, Colby, Paul and Joe; grandparents, Hazel and Sam McAdams, Richard and Debra Cunningham, Sr.; great-grandparents, Ruby and Dean Nelson, Ben McAdams and Imogene Cunningham; and all those whose lives she touched. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be next Saturday, August 29, at 1 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Dollars for Devon and can be left at the State Bank of Carbondale or with the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Devon Cunningham*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sam, Hazel and family,  
There are no words, but you know I have you all in my heart and prayers. I love you, and I will always love our angel D.*

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**Connie** - August 29, 2009 at 10:15 AM



“ *Hey guys,*

*We are very sorry for your loss. She was a great kid. I loved pickin on you guys everytime I saw ya at skips. She was fun. I wish I could be there for ya Saturday. I know she knows I'll be thinkin of her. She'll be missed greatly. If you need anything or wanna talk please feel free to call or email me. dpayne\_2009@yahoo.com*

*Your Friend,*

*Derek & Brandy*

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**Derek & Brandy Payne** - August 28, 2009 at 12:53 PM

SH

“ I learned much about life and love through having Devon in my 3rd grade classroom. I loved her smile, her spunk and her charm. I'll never forget the day they came to get her for her kidney transplant. She stood quietly, packed her backback, hugged me and left. I silently cried wondering if I'd ever see her again. She was so strong, beyond her years strong. I learned a lot from her grandparents, her mom and her family. I learned that when you love someone, you'll do anything for them, even give up your own life and dreams. Rest now forever, Devon. I picture the Lord bouncing you on his knee. I hear your beautiful laughter and am comforted to know that you are no longer in pain. Love and prayers to Devon's family and friends who mourn her loss.

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**Sandy Harris** - August 27, 2009 at 02:49 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry, Sam, Hazel and all the family.

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**Lee Ann Barrow-Lane** - August 27, 2009 at 02:40 PM

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“ You may not remember me but I was the school nurse when Devon started preschool. She was a delightful little girl with sparkling eyes, a quick smile and a sweet spirit. I was inspired by your family's devotion to Devon and your determination that she should experience life no differently than any other child. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. I pray that you will find joy in the midst of sadness and comfort in the hope of reuniting in the eternal. Take care.

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**Karen Olson** - August 26, 2009 at 06:33 PM

SG

“ If awards were to be given, Devon would win the Purple Heart in the Fight For Life...This child was AMAZING...in her short life she's endured more pain AND joy than the rest of us ever will in our entire lives, and did it with courage, love, and a smile. May she live forever in the hearts of those she touched in this life..Rest In Peace Sweet Baby Girl!!

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**Sharon Golden** - August 25, 2009 at 12:11 PM

KK

“ I am so sorry for your/our loss. Over the years of working together, all our children become each others so to speak. I have always had Devon close at heart, and will miss her deeply. I love ya!

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**Karen Kooser** - August 24, 2009 at 09:32 AM

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“ I just wanted to say that I am very sorry for your loss. I had the privilege to work with Devon when she attended Overbrook United Methodist Daycare. She was a very sweet girl and was always ready to help me out. I hate that she has left her home on earth, but know that she is no longer having any kind of problems and not suffering. God Bless your family during this difficult time.....

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**Amber McFarland** - August 21, 2009 at 01:08 PM